

Lawn Mower Safety



It's not much fun,
But it's got to get done.



Don't turn a chore
into a tragedy!



Lawn Mower Safety

- A power lawn mower is one of the most dangerous tools around the home
- Nearly 75,000 people are injured each year in lawn mower mishaps
- Almost 68,000 people were seen in emergency rooms last year and more than 10,000 were under age 15
- Read Operating Instructions: Survey showed that 90% of riding lawn mower mishaps occurred to 'first time' operators

Lawn Mower Injury Prevention

- Prior to mowing, police entire yard for debris, (i.e. rocks, sticks, toys, etc...)
- Wear goggles and hearing protection
- Wear long pants and sturdy foot wear
- Keep children and pets out of the yard while mowing
- Ensure all blade settings are done by an adult, with the mower off

Lawn Mower Injury Prevention

- Always turn off mower and wait for blades to stop before removing grass catcher, unclogging the discharge chute, or crossing gravel paths or sidewalks
- Only use a power mower with a control that stops the mower if the handle is let go
- Operators should not use portable music players while engaged in mowing lawns

Riding Lawn Mower Safety Tips

- Never allow a child to ride in the lap of an adult while mowing, or operate a riding lawn mower under age 16
- Never assume children will remain where you last saw them
- Do not mow in reverse unless absolutely necessary
- Pay extra caution on hills or steep slopes, especially if grass is damp

Push Mower Safety Tips

- Never put your hands or feet near or under the mower
- Never tilt a walk-behind mower while it is running
- Don't pull the mower backwards unless absolutely necessary
- Always look down and behind before and while mowing backwards

Electric Mower Safety Tips

- Use only recommended, grounded extension cords
- Never mow near the electric cord
- Do not use a frayed cord
- Never use an electric mower when grass is wet or while it's raining

Handling Gasoline

- Never smoke when filling the gas tank
- Store gasoline only in approved container
- Never fill gas tanks indoors
- Wipe up gas spills immediately
- Never over fill gas tanks
- Never remove gas caps or add fuel with the engine running – allow engine to cool before refueling

And Remember ...

- The job may not be fun, but it's better to do it right than to end up in the emergency room
- If you're lucky enough to have offspring you can force to mow the lawn, make sure they aren't cutting corners either



Know the Statistics So You Don't Become One

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